GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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NON AVAILABILITY OF VITAMIN A DROPS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Vitamin A drops for newly born babies are neither available in the Government hospitals nor in the CGHS dispensaries in the various parts of the country, especially in the National Capital Region (NCR) of Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government in the regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a)to(c) Sir, Vitamin A supplementation is provided to all children of 9 months to 5 years at 6 monthly intervals at Health Centres under the National Health and Family Welfare programme.

During 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-2008 funds were placed with the States to procure drugs including Vit A.

CGHS dispensary provides vitamin A capsules on specific prescription.

In addition, the National Capital Region (NCR) of Delhi, procured Vitamin A through its State funds in February 2008 and supplied to all (NCR) Stores for issue to different agencies indenting Vitamin A.